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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION: MESSAGE TO PRINCE FAHD

REF: JIDDA 5114

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO PRINCE
FAHD:

BEGIN QUOTE: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

I APPRECIATED RECEIVING YOUR LATEST MESSAGE. IT ARRIVED
ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH A REPORT FROM OUR EMBASSY IN
BEIRUT THAT THE PLO HAS AGREED TO OUR EVACUATING OUR
CITIZENS BY SEA ON TUESDAY, JULY 27. I SHARE YOUR VIEW
THAT THE OBJECTIVE IS A SAFE EVACUATION, AND I BELIEVE
YOU WILL BE PLEASED THAT, IN GOING BY SEA, WE ARE FOL-
LOW NG YOUR ADVICE THAT A LAND CONVOY BE AVOIDED. THE

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SAFE DEPARTURE OF OUR CITIZENS FROM BEIRUT IS OF THE HIGHEST

IMPORTANCE TO US AND THE DIFFICULTIES WE WERE ENCOUNTERING WERE CAUSING US GRAVE CONCERN.

IT IS UNNECESSARY TO SAY TO YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THE EVACUATION NOW PROCEED SMOOTHLY AS SCHEDULED, AND WITHOUT FURTHER COMPLICATIONS.

OUR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT IS WORKING OUT WITH THE PLO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EVACUATION, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE EVACUATION THAT TOOK PLACE IN JUNE.

LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT I GREATLY VALUE THE ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE OFFERED IN YOUR LATEST MESSAGE. I FULLY AGREE THAT THE OBJECTIVE IS A SAFE EVACUATION.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE TIRELESS AND EFFECTIVE EFFORTS YOU HAVE MADE ON OUR BEHALF TO HELP BRING ABOUT A RESULT THAT WILL BE SATISFYING TO US BOTH.

WARM REGARDS.

ROBINSON

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